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SUBJ: NIMEIRI MONTHLY ADDRESS TO NATION

REF: KHARTOUM 1843 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT NIMEIRI MADE HIS MONTHLY TV/RADIO ADDRESS TO THE NATION ON AUGUST 12, CLAIMING THAT US MIDDLE EAST POLICY IS A CONSEQUENCE OF ARAB ACTION RATHER THAN THE PERSONAL PREFERENCE OF FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON. NIMEIRI ACCUSED COMMUNISTS OF FOMENTING UNREST IN THE SUDAN, SETTING THE STAGE FOR A TOUGHER GOS STANCE IN LABOR DISPUTES. HE ALSO SPOKE OF THE PLO, LIBYA AND COMING AFRICAN VISITS. HIGHLIGHTS AND EMBASSY COMMENTS FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

2. US MID-EAST POLICY. NIMEIRI ASSERTED THAT THE CHANGE IN US MIDDLE EAST POLICY RESULTED FROM THE ARAB DECISION TO LAUNCH THE OCTOBER WAR AND FROM ARAB COURAGE, SOLIDARITY, AND RESOURCES. "NONE OF THESE (FACTORS)  
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ENTERED THE WHITE HOUSE ON THE DAY OF NIXON'S ELECTION,

AND NONE DEPARTED ON THE DAY OF HIS RESIGNATION."

3. LABOR AND COM-

MUNISM. NIMEIRI REFERRED TO A

STATEMENT OF THE BANISHED SUDANESE CUMMUNIST PARTY  
PUBLISHED RECENTLY IN BEIRUT "COMMUNIST" PAPER  
(OTHERWISE UNIDENTIFIED) WHICH CALLS ON SUDANESE TO  
ENGAGE IN LABOR STRIKES, PROTEST MARCHES, AND OTHER  
DEMONSTRATIIONS AGAINST THE NIMEIRI REGIME. NIMEIRI  
ACCUSED THE COMMUNISTS OF TRYING TO INSTIGATE CIVIL  
KEREST IN THE SUDAN AND WARNED THAT THE MAY REVOLUTION  
WOULD NOT TOLERATE IT. HE ADDED THAT RECENT STRIKE  
ACTIONS WERE NOT MOTIVATED BY LABOR PROBLEMS, AND THAT

THEY WOULD BE DEALT WITH BY GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES.

4. COMMENT: THIS WAS THE MOST FORCEFUL AND  
IMPASSIONED PART OF NIMEIRI'S ADDRESS, AND IS INDICATIVE  
OF HIS CONTINUED DISTRUST AND ANXIETY OVER COMMUNIST  
ACTIVITIES. NIMEIRI'S BLAMING OF LABOR STRIKES ON  
COMMUNIST SUBVERSION IS A STANDARD GOVT. LINE AND  
IN ONE RECENT CASE MAY WELL HAVE BEEN SOUND. (A SIT-  
DOWN STRIKE OCCURRED AT SUDAN'S LARGEST TEXTILE MILL,  
WHERE WORKERS ENJOY THE BEST PAY AND WORKING CONDITIONS  
IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.) THE GOVT. HAS BEEN TAKING A SOFT  
LINE IN DEALING WITH STRIKES, WHICH ARE ILLEGAL UNDER  
SUDANESE LAW, PREFERRING TO USE THE SUDAN WORKERS TRADE  
UNION FEDERATION AS A BARGAINING AGENT BETWEEN INDUSTRY  
AND LABOR. BUT NOW THAT NIMEIRI HAS PUBLICLY ACCUSED  
THE COMMUNISTS OF BEING BEHIND RECENT LABOR UNREST, WE  
EXPECT STERNER GOVT. ACTION. END COMMENT.

5. PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. NIMEIRI RE-  
AFFIRMED HIS RECOGNITION OF THE PLO AS THE  
"LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE" OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE  
BUT ADDED, NO DOUBT WITH A THOUGHT TO THE MARCH 1973  
KHARTOUM MURDERS, THAT THE ENEMY WAS INSIDE THE  
OCCUPIED LANDS AND NOT WITHIN THE ARAB RANKS.

6. COMMENT: WE EXPECTED NIMEIRI TO FOLLOW THE  
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LEAD OF EGYPT IN DEALING WITH THE PLO, INCLUDING THE  
QUESTION OF ITS REPRESENTATION AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.  
END COMMENT.

7. SUDAN/LIBYAN RELATIONS. NIMEIRI STATED THERE HAD  
BEEN NO CHANGE IN SUDAN/LIBYA RELATIONS, AND THERE WAS  
NO QUESTION OF UNION, MERGER, OR FEDERATION BETWEEN THE.  
THE ONLY FIELD OF COOPERATION WAS IN THE STRUGGLE TO LIBERATE

THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND RESTORE THE RIGHTS OF THE  
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

8. COMMENT: NIMEIRI'S REJECTION OF LIBYAN OVERTURES  
FOR BETTER RELATIONS WAS EXPECTED (REFTEL), ALTHOUGH HIS  
COMMENTS ON LIBYA WERE MODERATE COMPARED TO RECENT  
PRESS ATTACKS. END COMMENT.

9. NIMEIRI ANNOUNCED HIS PLANS TO VISIT ZAIRE AT THE  
END OF AUGUST, AFTER WHICH HE WILL ATTEND THE SUMMIT  
CONFERENCE OF CENTRAL AND EAST AFRICAN STATES IN  
BRAZZAVILLE. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT BOTH THE UGANDAN  
AND TANZANIAN PRESIDENTS WOULD VISIT THE SUDAN SOON.  
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